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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Harris & Nagashima

Application No.: 09/513,365

Filed: February 25, 2000

For: NEW TUMOR SUPPRESSOR
GENE P33ING2

Examiner: G. Nickol

Art Unit: 1642

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2001, please amend this application as follows. A petition to extend the time for response for 3 months, from March 18, 2002 to June 18, 2002, is submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 9 as follows. Please cancel claims 2 and 8 without prejudice to subsequent revival.

1. (Once amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a tumor suppressor polypeptide p33ING2 that specifically hybridizes under stringent conditions, wherein the hybridization reaction is incubated at 42°C in a solution comprising 50%

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